Professional Learning Communities

**Date – 1/4/13**

**PLC Members – Neil Shaner, Lauren Stickell, Felicia Hess - CAMS South Geography Dept.**

**Question Focus for PLC (check all that apply for this session)**

What do we want students to learn? \_\_X\_

How do we know students are learning?\_\_X\_

What do we do for students who are not learning? \_\_\_

What do we do for students who are demonstrating mastery in learning? \_\_\_

**Content Area (check one)**

\_\_\_\_ ELA \_\_\_\_ Math \_\_X\_ Social Studies \_\_\_\_ Science

**PLC Focus (check all that apply for this session)**

Instruction \_X\_\_

Curriculum \_\_X\_

Assessment \_\_X\_

**Topic(s) Discussed:**

**-We discussed the Geography Bee and decided on the layout for the library. We also each provided our list of 3 students per team. A copy of the questions was made for Kurt and the trophies were picked up from the office.**

**-We discussed how we assessed A Long Walk to Water…a packet with HOT questions and writing, journal entries or a project.**

**-We discussed and updated the Geography Midterm Exam. Nothing big was changed…just some wording on the essential vocab side and we drew in South Sudan on the map (to make it up-todate).**

**Action Plan to Address Topic(s)**

**Geography Bee – We reviewed last year’s Geography Bee and how it was run to determine how things would be this year.**

**A Long Walk to Water – We looked at a packet of questions that was created by Julie at CAMS North and various other resources that Lauren had related to writing in the curriculum.**

**Midterm – We looked at last year’s midterm and compared it to what we all have covered so far this year to determine what changes may be needed. After it was determined that we all have covered everything needed, we looked at some of the wording and decided that we should change a few things. It did not affect the overall content being assessed though.**

**Date(s) of implementation- The Geography Bee will be held on Wednesday, January 9th. Midterms will be given starting towards the end of next week until the 18th.**

**Assessment (informal or formal) - Geography Midterm Exam**

**Focus Topic for Next PLC- Midterm Exams and the Middle East**

**Other instructional or curricular concerns – None**

**Needs from administration- None at this time**